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Occurrence and Comment.

A missionary on the field has called the attention of the administration at Washington to the fact that the Philippine Civil Commission of our government recently set apart the Roman Catholic feast day of the Immaculate Conception as a public holiday. Has this Commission authority to give the sanction of our government to any religious institution? Does it not know that our settled policy is to protect all worshippers and bestow favors upon none? If it does not, it is not fit to represent us abroad. If it does know, it should teach it to the Filipinos. It is said that this action was taken by Commissioners Ide, Worcester and Smith, in the absence of Governor Wright and Commissioner Forbes, and that "the commission expressly ruled that it was not to be taken as a precedent." But the action itself is indefensible, and should be recinded. No set of officials have the right to make any religious feast day of any church a public holiday of the United States.

After prolonged investigation, the Reed-Smoot case, is now before the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections. The committee will review the testimony and then place the question before the whole Senate, which will declare whether Mr. Smoot, apostle of mormonism, shall retain the seat to which he was elected by the Utah legislature. The Times-Democrat fairly states the issue involved.

"It is simply whether the constitutional oath shall be the measure of a Senator's duty or he is to be permitted to disregard it at will, in obedience to the 'higher law' of an ecclesiastical hierarchy or the superior authority of some divine revelation, he, as an apostle, is likely to receive at convenient seasons? Shall the Mormon Church, with its still winked-at infamous practices, its vicious intermeddling in strictly secular matters, have a representative on the floor of the Senate avowedly bound by no oath of public duty that could stand even in affairs the least religious in character, against the voice of that powerful organization that admits no duty owed to government, no fealty save to herself?"

In violation of an act of Congress in 1897, which declares it to be the settled policy of our government to "make no appropriation whatever for education in any sectarian school," and by oral direction from the President, \$98,460 of the Trust Fund of several Indian tribes, on deposit in the United States Treasury, is diverted annually towards the support of Roman Catholic mission schools among the Indians,

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Senator Bard in a statement to the Senate Committee on Indian affairs, said that Dr. E. L. Scharf, an agent for a Roman Catholic mission society, proposed to him that the Catholics would carry twenty districts for the party if the Republicans would legislate in getting a diversion of Indian trust funds for the support of Catholic schools on the reservation. This agent, it was charged, named the districts with the number of Catholic voters in each, and the priests who would look after the agreement and deliver the necessary votes to carry the districts.

These charges created a sensation at Washington, and brought forth the statement from Cardinal Gibbons, who is also "President of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions," that "the Catholic church has no political agent at Washington or anywhere else; that Prof. E. L. Scharf, who is referred to in Senator Bard's statement, is not an agent of the Catholic church or of the bureau of Catholic Indian missions and has never been employed by the church or by the Catholic Indian bureau in any way whatsoever."

In reply Mr. Scharf does not deny the statement of Senator Bard, but merely says that he acted on his own responsibility owing to personal interests in the matter.

The Romish heirarchy is an artful dodger. The Cardinal does not deny, says nothing at all about the diversion of these trust funds to sectarian purposes, whereby Roman Catholic schools have received 98 per cent. of the money expended under contracts made by the Indian Commissioner. Something from his pen on that phase of the matter would attract attention. Why did he not give it to us? The law does not say expressly that these trust funds shall not be used in the support of sectarian schools; but it is unjust to appropriate the funds belonging to an entire tribe for the benefit of a part of that tribe without the consent of all concerned.

This injustice will be resisted. The Sioux Rosebud Agency has made an earnest protest against this diversion. In response to their appeal, the Indian Rights Association will press the matter. It requests all friends of the Indian to urge upon their Senators and Representatives in Congress "that they render efficient assistance in the enactment of legislation that will prohibit the further expenditure of Indian trust funds for the support of sectarian schools, without the consent of the individual In-

dian whose share of funds it is proposed to use for that purpose."

Surely the President, who believes in "fair play," will cancel these unrighteous contracts in response to the many protests and appeals which are being made to him. Anyway, Congress should, by appropriate and unmistakable legislation make such contracts unlawful hereafter. Since the Spanish-American war the Romish heirarchy seems to think that this government should be run in its interests.

The Czar has at last granted direct audience to representatives of Russian striking workmen. The slaughter of unarmed men and women in the streets of St. Petersburg opened the way. The bureaucracy could no longer resist the demand of the workmen to place their cause before the Emperor himself. The "Little Father" assured his "children" that "everything possible would be done to improve their lot and secure an investigation of their demands through legal channels." In Russia favorable results are expected of this audience. Europe does not expect any reform in the government of Russia. The Grand Duke Sergius opposes it, and he has always been able to reverse any reform tendencies of the Czar. The people desire a representative government with a constitution. The Duke declares that the constitution spells anarchy. But there is some promise. Representative government is being agitated as never before, and not by Nihilists merely, but by substantial and intelligent subjects.

A great tidal wave of revival is sweeping over Wales and spreading into other countries. There were 20,000 conversions in a fortnight. There is no preaching in the public meetings. The people pray, sing and testify to the saving power of Christ. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D. of London, says it is "a movement not of man but of God." Rev. George Laugh-ton, an English preacher, says that one "feature of the movement is the desire on the part of the converts to receive the New Testament form of baptism." Why do they ask for immersion? Is it because they are not taught by men, but read the New Testament, and are urged to yield themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Becoming obedient in spirit, they seek the obedient act in baptism. This fact is worthy of consideration. God grant that this tidal wave may sweep across the ocean and over our land. We really need a God-sent revival. Let earnest, trustful, consecrating prayer be made for it.

"The Gospel of Ignorance Will Not Save."

I. N. COMPTON.

"Better let us alone; you send us the Gospel, they'll turn it down and shore enough be damned."

The above are the words with which a brother greeted me in a Southern city some years ago when I had just preached a sermon on Foreign Missions.

A belief in the safety of ignorance as concerns the heathen has one more to chill the mission spirit than any one device of the Devil. I have elected to call the theory in question, "The Gospel of Ignorance." The claim that men may be saved by ignorance of the Gospel is a violent presumption; it was this which Jesus came to dispel. The first chapter of John—the Gospel—shows that Christ is light, that the germ of his mission is light and knowledge as opposed to darkness and ignorance.

"And the time of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained: Whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

This Scripture states distinctly that God looked with a degree of indulgence upon heathen ignorance until the Gospel, at which time such indulgence ceases and all men are required to repent in view of the judgment which is based upon the resurrection of Christ as a basis because the pivotal point in the Gospel. The theory is also selfish in that it takes notice only of the ultimate and eternal penalty of sin. Infinite banishment from God is not the only curse linked with sin, nor is its removal the only blessing brought by the Gospel. Think of the guilt, superstition and superstition the Gospel has dispelled from the Fiji Islanders, giving, instead, civilization, culture, light, love and joy. How selfish the question: "Will the heathen be lost?" The heathen is now lost. Ask our missionaries if it is not true. That their damnation may be complete, requires only a projection into eternity of their present condition.

Let those who preach ignorance for the heathen consider these questions: "What blessing has the Gospel of Jesus Christ brought us that it will not give the heathen?" "What curse will it bring the heathen that it has not brought us?" "Would not the hand that withheld Christ from the heathen now, have closed the door of heaven against us in the beginning that Christ should never have entered the world?" "If it be right to keep Christ from part of the world, is not it right to keep him from all of it?"

But we have accepted him and enjoy him, therefore, we should give him to those who have him not, and learn to doubt the safety of ignorance, regarding anything good, noble and uplifting.

We should remember that if success is

preaching Christ on other shores comes slowly, that God loves faithfulness as a test of faith, loyalty as a test of love, and helpfulness as a test of hope.

Those who preach the Gospel of ignorance for the heathen will do well to consider their theory in the light of the following Scriptures.

"It is not good that the soul should be without knowledge."—Prov. 19:2.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

"But though we, or an Angel from heaven preach any other Gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:8.

Ellisville.

The reception of the new pastor and family at this place was after the old Southern style of good will and hospitality. We were met at the train by a goodly number of the members and welcomed into the parsonage. This had been tastefully fitted up by the painter's brush and the deft hands of the ladies, together with a well filled larder. Pastors have so many occasions to speak in glowing terms of the women of the churches that in giving a just word of praise, we have been accused of flattery. But in reality, it would be difficult to speak too highly of that important and essential element of our membership who contribute so much to the material welfare of the pastor's home, constituting the strongest element of spiritual forces. If women are to forever praise the power of the Gospel because it has given her a just place in the home and in society, man should shout a double chorus of joy, because the good Lord has thereby added so much to his usefulness in the church and society.—At least the men of the Ellisville church should be training themselves in such a chorus of delight.—Certainly the pastor who has such helps as the good women of this church, and aided by such faithful brethren as Capt. T. J. Hardy and Editor Jas. F. Parker, the senior deacons, as well as by a large number of younger men, may well esteem himself happy.

Our recognition service held on the evening of the 22d inst., about which another will write you, developed a degree of speaking talent in our church that we would not have casually supposed. We have plenty of hidden forces in our churches to do all the work needful in the Kingdom, if it could only be put into operation. But what of all this force, as one of our young divines said in his appropriate address on the occasion above stated, unless it be employed for saving souls and the building up of saints. Thrice happy is the church and pastor who feel deeply and with godly conviction that to win disciples and train Christians is the very best way to glorify God.

In connection with Ellisville is Sandersville and Estabuchie. I have preached only once at each of these churches, but find, by even a short acquaintance that they have many noble men and women, and great possibilities lie out before them, if they will nerve themselves for strenuous work.

I am the fortunate successor of Bro. O. D. Bowen. If the Lord enables me to impress my work and personality upon these Christian people as did Bro. Bowen, my labor will truly be a crowning success. But "the Lord gives grace upon grace," and why not expect even greater blessings. "Others labor and we enter into their labor," and so the good work goes on ever increasing, till like the waves of the sea, it reaches the utmost bounds of human need. Let us pray that the year 1905 will be a great increase in all our churches and their efficiency reaching beyond what has been done in the past—As through some open gateway we are looking upon an unexplored country, the boundary of which ever recedes as we approach. The Kingdom of Heaven! What is it? And yet in that Kingdom we are workers together with God—"Go work in my vineyard" is an unspeakable honor as well as an imperative duty. May we have grace to enter and possess the land.

The Minister's Institute at Hattiesburg conducted by Dr. W. J. McGlochin and the Sunday-school part of it by our own young brethren, Leavell and Byrd, were up to the high water mark, but their importance demand a separate article for THE BAPTIST, which I trust some brother will write for you. Much success to you, brother editor, and to your great work.

A. P. PUGH.

Ellisville, Miss., Jan. 28, 1905.

The Rev. John T. Freeman, D. D.

Dr. Freeman was one of my earliest friends in Mississippi. For many years I knew him intimately, and he never hesitated to advise me freely. I became pastor of the Tupelo church in the early part of 1877. Dr. Freeman had just resigned that pastorate and had settled at Corinth. He was at that time a matured, eloquent preacher and his praises were upon the tongues of all the people. He was even then regarded as a veteran in the service.

Soon afterwards I formed his acquaintance and from the first he took a fatherly interest in me. Afterwards myself and wife boarded with Mrs. Sallie Graves, whom Dr. Freeman shortly afterwards married, in Starkville. It was thus I became intimately acquainted with this noble man and his wife. They were in every way worthy of each other. Through my years of work in Mississippi, years of toil but happy years for all of that, I never had a warmer friend and a more ardent supporter than John T. Freeman. My mind never returns to these earlier years of my ministry that Dr. Freeman does not come instantly into my memory. He was of lofty mien, courtly manners, eloquent of speech, an old-school gentleman. He attained to a ripe old age and has gone to his reward.

JOHN T. CHRISTIAN.

Little Rock, Ark.

The Home.

Daily Strength For Daily Needs.

Lord, give me strength, I pray,
To do my work today

To do it right,
With all my might,
Without mistake,
As for Thy sake.

When doubt besets my way,
Let me the question lay

Before Thy throne,
Where all is known;
Where what is best
Will stand the test.

And when the day is drear,
May I keep very near,

And hear Thy voice,
And thus rejoice
That I am Thine,
And Thou art mine.

And when my work is done,
And I can homeward run,

In Thee I'll trust,
For Thou art just,
And will supply
Me grace to die.—George Will-

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A Beautiful Charity.

BY J. L. HARBOUR.

For nearly forty years the city of New York has made one public expenditure that has met with no opposition on the part of the most carping of the critics who are ever ready to give voice to complaints regarding the use of the public money. The expenditure has been the annual payment of a stipend of fifty dollars in gold to each of the blind men and women in the city. It is a worthy and beautiful charity that meets with popular approval. The only regret is that the sum is not larger. I am not sure, but I do not think that any other in America makes a gift of this kind to that most unfortunate class of its residents, the totally blind. Last year there were more than six hundred blind men and women to claim and receive this offering. This did not include any of the blind in public or private institutions, for they are ineligible in the distribution of the money. Only those who have been residents of New York City for two years and who are not the recipients of the city's charity in other ways, can receive this annual offering.

The money is distributed on a certain day (usually in June), and each applicant receives fifty dollars in shining ten and twenty dollar gold coins. It is a pathetic scene when the poor creatures come together to receive their annual gift. Some are young, others are very old and feeble, and many have other physical infirmities besides blindness. Some are led by little children, some by friendly bootblacks or newsboys, and some are led by the old. All have made a pathetic attempt to look their best on this day when they are "in

public eye" for a little while.

The distribution of money takes place in the forenoon, and it usually occurs on the pier of the department of charities at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street. Many of the applicants are on hand long before the time printed on the postal cards that have been sent to them telling them of the proposed distribution, for there is a carefully defined system of payments. The applicants must make application for the money in advance of the day of payment so that their cases can be investigated. If they are eligible as applicants they are notified by postal of the time their distribution of money will take place, and you may be sure that no condition of weather and no ordinary illness can keep any of them away.

At the appointed time they form in a long line on the pier and pass by a table at which the Superintendent of the poor of the city, or some other official is seated. Each applicant comes with postal card in hand and is given instead of the card a smaller card on which is written the name and address of the applicant, who then passes on a short distance to another table on which there are piles of gold coin. Handing in the card each applicant receives fifty dollars in his or her own hand. There is gratitude on every face, and some of the applicants would be most voluble and demonstrative in their thanks if they were not compelled to hurry on to give place to those behind them. Some of the happy and excited old women would kiss the hand that gave them the coins if permitted to do so. It is a red letter day in their lives because it is a day when human kindness and sympathy are given them. They leave the line with smiling faces, holding the precious money tightly in their hands or pinning it carefully in their pockets. I do not think that it ever happens that the money is stolen from them. Overflowing as the great city is with evil-doers, there are not many who would steal their little all from these blind men and women. Of course nearly all of them have some one with them to guide them home and protect them if need be.

I am sorry to write that the number of applicants for this annual dole increases each year and they represent but a small portion of the blind of the city of New York. One cannot well imagine a much sadder spectacle than these blind men and women assembled together to receive that which is to many of them their sole income for the year. It is a beautiful charity that must have upon it the seal of God's approval.

"There are more ways to kill a cat than pouring butter down its throat," says the old proverb. Nevertheless, so long as cats take kindly to butter and the process is easy, the method has its advantages. So a Chicago shoe manufacturer found recently when more than a hundred girls in his employ went on strike. The manufacturer had not dealt with girls all his business life without learning a thing, or two.

He hastily donned his "other clothes," filled his carriage with bouquets of violets, carnations and roses, and boxes of candy, and went to call upon the young ladies in their homes. He visited each in turn, presented his tribute, freed his mind of a few compliments, and then, referring to the strike, explained as simply as possible how impossible it was to grant the demands, and how he was to lose—not all the girls, but just this one girl upon whom he was calling. She was so competent, it was a pleasure to read the reports of her work, he said—to each. They all came back the next morning.

What Shall We Do?

There may be disadvantages in waiting till the last quarter to take our Foreign Mission collection, but it is inspiring to know that the Baptist hosts of our loved State are thinking, talking, and contributing with the one great purpose of letting the benighted heathen know about our blessed Savior. While I pen these words many brethren, no doubt, are planning for collections. We have been going forth these late years as a conquering army, reaching higher ground at every effort. So we enter this campaign flushed with past victories and confident of success.

Every campaign, has its dangers. Ours this year, is the disappointment in the price of cotton. We have not as much money as we expected, and many are holding their cotton for better prices and that adds to the scarcity of money. Want of proper consideration here may endanger our progress. We must provide for the collection by special arrangements, remembering that we are still a prosperous people and that God gave us a great crop, He did His part, and that He has promised to bless a liberal giver. The Bible teaches that God will give material prosperity if His people are faithful in their gifts. How many of us have made a sacrifice of money for the cause of Christ? Our Lord commanded us to go. It is a test of our Loyalty to Him. The Moravians have led the world in Foreign Missions, relatively speaking, and their motto is "To win for Christ the reward of His sufferings." So I appeal to you, brethren, to move up the figures for His sake. And let us not fail our brethren of other States, who are advancing their gifts at least 25 per cent. May the blessing of Him whose we are and whom we serve, rest on the work and the workers.

Yours in His name,

J. P. WILLIAMS.

Bless God for the necessity and privilege of work. Employment congenial in kind, moderate in amount, fruitful in result, is essential to the happiness of a real man.

At the last Burmese Baptist Convention which gathered in Rangoon there were over 4,000 delegates. Great progress has been made in Baptist missions since the time of Carey and Judson.

Sunday School Lesson.

BY S. A. HAMBROUCH.

February 15, 1905.

The Second Miracle in Cana.

John 4:43-54.

Motto Text: "The same works that I do bear witness of me, that the father hath sent me." John 5:36.

After spending two days with the Samaritans and many of them believing in Jesus, he continued his journey north into Galilee, study the geography right here. Look out Judea, Samaria. Locate Jerusalem, the Jordan valley, Machærus (place of John's imprisonment), Sychar, Cana, Capernaum. The time of this lesson is a few days after the last. It is near the end of first year's ministry of Jesus. John the Baptist was in prison. It is immediately after the first Judean ministry and at the opening of the ministry in Galilee. Jesus was 31 years of age. Many had believed on him because of his miracles. This lesson is the second miracle in Galilee. Many had been wrought in Judea already but are not specified.

MIRACLES—WHY?

See following Scriptures: Matt. 9:6, Mark 2:10, 12, and Luke 5:24 for evidence of authority. Matt. 15:29-3, gives result. Matt. 27:54, a confession. Luke 7:16 another confession. John 2:11, 23, and 3:2 faith increased and source of authority (Power) Jno. 5:33; 10:25; 37,38, and 14:10, 11 for what Jesus himself said of miracles.

THE LESSON STORY.

Jesus left Judea and came into Galilee, for he said "a prophet hath no honor in his own country." No lack of worth is implied but lack of appreciation.—Jerusalem and Judea was hostile to him. Judea was his home by birth, and Jerusalem was the center of the nation, and headquarters for Jewish worship. A few days later the same was said when he was rejected in Nazareth. See Luke 4:24. Also again about a year later at Nazareth. See Mark 6:4; Matt. 13:57. The Galileans had been to the passover some months before and had seen the signs Jesus did there, so when he came back to Galilee they received him. They were not prejudiced Jews as those of Judea. In traveling in Galilee Jesus came to Cana, where he made the water wine, helping in the joy of a marriage. Now a nobleman living at Capernaum had a son very sick from fever. He heard of Jesus' return so went in search of him. Here was a father in trouble and sorrow seeking Jesus for help. He found relief. Contrast the two miracles. The father wanted Jesus to go home with him to heal his child. It was about 25 miles away. He had faith in Jesus' power to cure, if present. His faith was small at first. If only for sake of signs and wonders Jesus would not help. But if these help to faith in him

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then he gives the signs and wonders. The father was in earnest, so prays him "come down ever my child die." Jesus then healed without going. He said, "go, thy son lives." The father believed and set out home in greater faith in Jesus. Next day as he neared home his servants met him with the good news "thy son liveth." The father asked when he began to amend. "Yesterday at the seventh hour (one o'clock in the afternoon, Jewish count) the fever left him" they said. He remembered that that was the very time Jesus said "thy son liveth." Result—He believed in Jesus, and his whole family believed also, small faith acted on led to temporal and spiritual blessing. What a blessed Savior we have!

PRACTICAL POINTS.

1. Learn the lesson of continual service from example of Jesus.
2. One may not always be appreciated for his worth, Jesus was not. Learn the lesson and work on, God knows. Let the blame be on the ones not giving the honor, not on the one who should receive it.
3. When in trouble go to Jesus. Either temporal or spiritual distress can be relieved by him. Too often we bear our burdens alone.

I cannot bear my burden alone,
I must tell Jesus.

4. The miracle was to help and to teach God's readiness to help in time of trouble. "He is a very present help." He can help from heaven as well as from Cana.
5. Who has a child or loved one sick from sin high unto eternal death? Pray God for him. Live right before him and so commend Jesus to him. Be in earnest for the souls of those about you.

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The tone of the press in B. Y. P. U. matters is firm and strong. All over the country comes word of good solid work being done. The value and need of young peo-

ple's work in the churches has never been so much felt as now, and everywhere the churches are getting their young people into societies and training them for service. And, after all, this is the very purpose of the young people's movement—to have the churches see the vast amount of unused power, and to realize that they themselves are largely to blame for its going to waste. The B. Y. P. U. has impressed the fact upon the churches, and more than ever before, have they set themselves toward the enlistment of the rank and file of their membership in the activities of the church. The model church is one in which every living member has a part and does it. The B. Y. P. U. is doing its share in bringing about this end. And while perhaps we do not hear so much of great conventions as once we did, yet in quiet, steady, earnest work in the individual churches, the movement was never so mighty as today.

Rev. B. W. Spilman, our great Sunday-school Secretary has become an associate editor of Service.

H. C. Lyman, of Ohio, has become business manager of the B. Y. P. U. A

Does The B. Y. P. U. Pay?

H. M. FALLAW.

When men ask the question, Does it pay? what is usually meant is, does it pay in material gain—in money. "Jesus Christ on the Cross is heaven's standard of worth." A man then is worth as much as he is like Jesus. The B. Y. P. U. stands for the training of our young people for service for real worth. Let us note some reasons why it pays.

1. The Christian ought to be trained for his work, because it is the greatest work of earth—the salvation of souls. One soul is worth more than the world, and one of the best, if not the best way, to win a soul is by personal work. We need young men and women who can meet a soul face to face and lead it to Christ.

Men and women are being taught and trained elsewhere and for other vocations. Why not the Baptists of the world teach and train their young men and women for their great business of life? We spend much time and money in preparation for that which we do for a livelihood, and not enough in preparation for our business of life, viz: to win souls for Jesus.

In the B. Y. P. U. is one of the best places to do this training. Very little or no money is required to pursue any or all of the courses given in Service, our magazine.

2. The pastor and his young people are brought closer together, i. e., if he is the teacher, as perhaps he ought to be. He gets a better hold upon his young people. The pastor who does not look after the young is disobeying Jesus and is unwise. What a question for each pastor is this: How can I best reach my young people and get their confidence and co-operation? Brought thus face to face in this meeting,

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in the devotional meeting and in the Christian Culture class, the pastor learns more about his young people and is better prepared to feed their souls, and to assist them in life.

3. It is good for the young Christian. His knowledge of the Bible and Jesus is greater and he learns more and desires to know still more about the Bible, its authority. So his faith is made stronger.

4. It helps the pastor. It will cause him to do some studying that he otherwise would not do. Did you ever know one to do too much? It will bring him among the young people more. It is good for him to come in contact with their young, bright minds; they will inspire him to a greater work—a greater life.

4. It will help the church. It develops Christian character and service.

Many of the above blessings, or all of them, have been realized in our B. Y. P. U. at Cameron. Young men have conducted devotional services and prayed in public who had not done so before. A good missionary spirit exists, as might be expected, for a Baptist is one who stands for the Bible and believes in preaching its teachings. We consider the B. Y. P. U. a great blessing to our church, and especially to the young people.

Signs of Promise.

It is the province of the faithful watchman to look at all the signs and let the people know what is before them, and then help them to prepare bravely for what is needed. The month of January is not by several hundred dollars the equal of last year. What has contributed to this we do well to inquire. There are a variety of factors no doubt that enter in the details as each individual church is affected. The pastors facing already in their churches the difference between what in January of last year they accomplished and what was done the month just closed. In the first place there has been removing on part of pastors in changing fields of labor, and the harness has not in many instances been rightly adjusted. Then there is the ever present night mare of low priced cotton, sufficient in itself to paralyze all business effort, and so affecting in greater or less degree the gifts of our people to Him who bought us with his own blood, as in this he emphasizes the sacrificial idea that should ever attach to the interests that are near his heart. Then there is the long continued cold weather that has kept us from having meetings, and so plans have been thwarted and work has been left undone no doubt that many had expected to do. Whatever be the reason, it behooves us as wise men, anxious to redeem the time, to see to it that what we failed in one way and at one time to accomplish we must try again and make more strenuous effort.

Our sisters have been quite busy with their China Christmas offering, the societies having sent \$137.09 to this cause besides their effort in behalf of Para and Cuba church building.

The Hebron church of Mississippi Asso-

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ciation has again demonstrated their interest in Foreign Missions by sending \$67.00. Union in Rankin county adds \$28.15 and Canton, where hearts have been happy in the work of grace, manifested in a number of conversions has added \$85.90. The joy has been great at Ita Bena over the largest collection in the history of the church, \$87.20. Learned adds to S. M. funds \$25.46, an earnest of the future in the other mission causes. The Yazoo City church building has been remembered to the amount of \$151.00, coming from different sources.

One month of the first quarter is gone. May I urge brethren to take heed as to the needs of the mission causes, and so arrange collections as each may have its proper place, and not infringe on others. To do this may require harder work on the pastor than ever, but personal work here as in other departments of the cause, will meet with abundant harvest.

Truly,

A. V. ROWE.

Two Batches of Letters.

T. A. J. BEASLEY.

Friendship and love are gifts from heaven. Our Saviour was called the friend of publicans and sinners. Everywhere, on all occasions, among all classes, he showed himself to be the very embodiment of friendship. Perhaps there is no more beautiful expression of his love than this: "Having loved his own, he loved them unto the end." We are commanded to follow his steps. God's people are to be living exponents of his love and friendship. The world is to know the spirit of Christ by seeing it manifested in his saints. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

Sometimes it takes peculiar circumstances to call forth the best that is within us. There may be a multitude of loving hearts waiting for an opportunity to show themselves friendly. Three years ago we gave back to the Lord our little four year old girl, and just three months ago, he called for our two little boys. On both occasions there came to us many comforting letters. Some came from fathers and mothers who had gone through with similar experiences, some from young, sympathizing hearts, and some came from old pupils, who in a sense, had been our children in school. These letters are kept sacred and are the subjects of much perusal. They have been blotched somewhat with tears, and yet they are worth more than gold. They have brought us closer to Christ, and have united us in brotherly love and sympathy indissolubly with the writers.

They have taught us some very important and sacred lessons. One is, that no opportunity for doing good however small, should be neglected. The giving of a cup of water has its reward. A great missionary won a Chinaman to Christ by helping him lift his wheel-barrow out of the mud. A word of sympathy from the writer once led a poor, hardened sinner to

Christ, although he had been looked upon as impervious to the truth.

Another lesson we got, was the great, uplifting power of sympathy. The world is dying for want of sympathy. Every home has its "vacant chair." Some loved one is gone. Not dead, maybe, but the boy is away, somewhere in this heartless world and mother's heart is breaking. Every heart has its aches. That grey head, that wrinkled face, that tottering step and palsied hand, that eye bedimmed by tears, that sad face, all tell of great upheavals within. O, to be more like Him who said to Mary, "Thy brother shall live again." Lord, help us to know, to have, and to use this gift of sympathy.

We also learned, that if we would have friends, we must show ourselves friendly. Precious in our memory are those who thus remember us in our distresses. They are on our hearts, they are in our prayers. No stroke of providence can separate them from our affections. No hour will be too dark for us to arise and show them kindness. Now, in conclusion, let us all profit by our experiences. Remember that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ecru, Miss.

What Has Been Done in a Country Church.

Fellowship Church, eight miles west of Enterprise, has had a Sunday School nearly ever since the "civil war," for at least thirty-five years, and has never gone into winter quarters. Bro. C. B. Massengale, their Superintendent, is 72 years old and goes when weather is bad.

The church gave about two hundred dollars this year to missions and Orphanage. S. B. Culpepper is their pastor. What about the country church whose school goes into winter and summer quarters? They need to say we will.

J. E. BYRD, S. S. M.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line, write to him for catalogues and prices.

Attention Please!

I have just had a letter from temperance evangelist, J. A. Maples of Greenville, Texas, expressing a desire to come to Mississippi, and asking me to arrange dates for him during the month of June. If dates cannot be arranged for June, then for August. If, after the brethren think the matter over, they desire the services of this great temperance worker and will write me, expressing the date most preferable to them, I will undertake to arrange a slate for Bro. Maples—arranging dates with special reference to the geographical order of the State—and publish same in THE BAPTIST.

Bro. Maples will come on the following terms: Give him a good hour; advertise the meeting well; be sure to get out a representative congregation. The finances will follow as a natural consequence.

Bro. Maples is endorsed by the highest possible authorities as "one who has no equal in the South in his line." Remember, the legislature will be in session one year from now. Shall we be up and doing, or shall we remain inactive? Let me hear as soon as possible what you have to say with reference to the coming of Bro. Maples.

Yours truly,

JOHN P. HEMBY.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The committee on Sunday-schools at the last meeting of the Boguechitto Association presented a report—which was adopted, containing a statement that, "statistics show 95 per cent of the preachers, 85 per cent of the converts 90 per cent of the church workers come from the Sunday-schools" etc., and

WHEREAS, There are doubts in the minds of many good brethren as to the correctness of said statement. Therefore Resolved, That said Sunday-school committee be earnestly requested to publish a statement in THE BAPTIST giving what information they have concerning the origin, foundation and manner of obtaining said statistics. And that the Secretary of this meeting furnish THE BAPTIST with a copy of these resolutions for publication.

Adopted by the Workers' Conference of Boguechitto Association this January 28th, 1905.

J. E. THIGPEN, Chm. Pro. tem.
S. C. WALKER, Secretary.

A Just Debt.

Isn't it a reproach to our name that the credit of a Christian is not always and in every respect as good as gold? Why should we have to give security where we borrow, or a mortgage where we buy, or furnish collateral where we ask favors of a bank or a firm? Something is wrong and some of us are to blame. Ought we not to correct it, to do so as speedily as possible and remove this stigma from the honorable Name we bear? Let us begin at the right place, at the beginning. We owe it to him who purchased us with his

own blood to publish his Word and bring him into the possession of his kingdom on earth. He is expecting it and depending on us to do it. He is seated at the right hand of God henceforth "expecting" till all things are brought under his feet. We owe it to him to carry the standard and set it up in "all the world." A man that won't do this can't be trusted to pay an honest debt. Our Lord intended this gospel for all men; we are entrusted with the "stewardship of the mystery." We owe it to them to tell them the "Glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you the hope of Glory." If we rob them of it by any avoidable failure we are robbing the dead. What lower condition could one come to than to be a grave robber? We owe this generation the gospel of Jesus Christ. Brethren for the honor of his name let us rise up and pay it. Your money and your life let give them and be honest. I am debtor to Jews and Gentiles, wise and unwise.

P. I. LIPSEY.

Bro. Simon Cleanliness.

In your reply to Bro. Ezekiel Smoker you refer to St. Peter in a way which seems sacrilegious, and while I am with you in your war on tobacco, allow me to criticize your reference to anything or names, connected with heaven, except with the greatest reference and respect. I also believe your argument would be more effective for good if all slang words and phrases were omitted. When you are through with Ezekiel Smoker, I trust our people may have higher ideas of propriety and cleanliness of person.

Yours truly,

HUMBLE READER.

Greenville, Miss., Jan. 27, 1905.

Want to Find Sister.

MT. VERNON, MO., JAN. 20, 1905.

Mrs. Mary Jane Pendergraft, formerly Miss Mary Jane Springer, whose mother was Ann Hillhouse, wishes to learn the whereabouts, if living, of Mrs. Amy Elizabeth Burket, formerly Miss Amy Elizabeth Springer, or any of Mrs. Burket's children. The ladies are sisters and were raised in or near Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee. The latter married John Bunyan Burkett, and sometime after the Rebellion lived in the State of Mississippi. The old sister here will be extremely thankful for any information of her sister, Mrs. Burket, or any of her children. Please write her or the undersigned.

Respectfully,

EUPHRATES BOUCHER.

Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Mo.

Rev. N. L. Clark is 94 years of age. He has been a minister of the gospel 65 years and is now active and able to preach to his church regularly. There have been about 3,000 converts under his ministry, more than 2,000 of whom he baptized. He assisted in the organization of 75 churches, and in the ordination of 75 ministers of the gospel.

One of the many of our brethren whose good fortune as ex-pastors is perennial is our well known and beloved brother J. A. Hackett. It is now seventeen years since he went to Meridian, and every year without fail the annual gift of a turkey has been provided for his thanksgiving dinner by Col. C. H. Ardis, the successful merchant and liberal Christian giver of Shreveport, La., where Dr. Hackett gave eight of the best years of his life to a successful pastorate. This, however, is only one of several like remembrances, from which Christmas and other holiday seasons have more or less regularly brought valuable mementoes to betoken the evergreen friendship of former real and happy associations. And besides all this, his present pastorate of four excellent churches is tropically fruitful in such extra and additional generosity. In finishing up an unbroken pastorate with the staunch and prosperous church at Forest, they not only paid up in full all that was promised, but chipped in as usual with a bonus which went far to provide for the Christmas occasion. And similar things can be said of Shubuta and the other churches whose vernal kindness in the winter time filled the young old man's heart and home with joy and gladness. He sends his affectionate greetings to Bro. Bowen in his new home among the scuppernon arbors and orange groves of the sunny shore, and asks if he also does not think it is difficult for one to grow old under such lovely conditions?

All graduates and former students of the Woman's College or Richmond Female Institute are requested to send their names, both maiden and married, date of attendance, present address and occupation to Miss Clara V. Becker, Corresponding Secretary, 2401 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Va.

The Alumnae Association of the College is preparing a roll and wishes to be in touch with as many former students as possible and earnestly asks every Alumnae who reads this paragraph to respond at once to the request it contains.

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The Baptist.

Next to the living voice, perhaps the mightiest force for the promulgation of the gospel is the printing press. It is an arm of power the providence of God has placed within the reach of our churches for rapid and effective use in carrying forward and perpetuating the marvelous facts of the gospel of Christ, among men. THE BAPTIST was raised up for the express purpose of helping on in this glorious work to which our Savior has committed to his people. Almost any work can be better done through co-operation; the world has seen this, hence trusts and combines are brought into existence and their influence and power utilized. Why should not the redeemed of the Lord make use of an instrument of such power, and so easy of access as our denominational paper. Often one copy is worth far more than the annual subscription to the paper. Indeed the moral and spiritual worth of our character-building sentiment cannot be weighed in the scale with money.

One Sabbath evening, not long since, I heard a Christian mother read to her family of children one sentence from THE BAPTIST that was worth more than the entire issue of the paper cost the editor to buy the paper, pay for the printing and get it from the press. The paper is helping that mother to train a family of children for Christ—one of whom, though not yet twelve years old, I baptized last summer.

Who can tell what one mind awakened to a great truth, may accomplish for Christ in the world. John Newton's mother did not have India and Burmah in her mind when she was teaching the child the truths of Christ, but in after years, the child so taught influenced Buchanan, who went to India; through his published sermon, entitled "Star in the East," young Judson was led by the Spirit of God to give his life to the people of Burmah. Who can tell what Judson's translation of the Bible into Burmese and the multiplied thousands of people who have learned to love our Lord will accomplish for Christ and for the betterment of the world in the years to come.

Do we wish to build homes for Christ? Here then is a wise and good investment of two dollars that will help us in such desire.

Do pastors wish to unify and concentrate the gifts of their people in the common purpose to execute the "Great Commission" of our ascended Lord? Here is a mighty arm of power. A pastor is not losing time or minimizing his office when seeking to put THE BAPTIST in the homes of his people.

Who are now the pastor's best helpers? Are they not those among his members who are the best informed in Christian teaching and life? Let us enlist more of them.

R. A. COHRON.

Utica, Feb. 1, 1905.

Gulfport.

A few items of news from Gulfport and the coast region may not be without in-

terest to the brethren of the State and elsewhere. At the last conference in the old year 1904, the Gulfport First Church resolved to become self-sustaining. We will, therefore ask no assistance from the State Mission Board for the future, but will try to help it, and our other denominational enterprises. Our Ladies Aid Society has raised between three and four hundred dollars in the last ten months. They have expended most of this in improving the church house and adding comfort and conveniences to the "pastorium." They also sent a box valued at \$142.75 to a frontier missionary. The ladies have recently organized a missionary society which is proving very helpful to the church. Deacon A. W. Amis was re-elected Sunday-school Superintendent and is pushing the work with vigor. Brethren N. W. Sizer, T. H. Barnett, J. L. Taylor and A. W. Amis were ordained deacons at the evening service on the 15th inst., Rev. J. L. Finley and the pastor constituting the presbytery. We have additions almost every Sunday and our congregations for two Sundays of the new year have been so large as to require extra seats in the aisles for their accommodation.

The pastor assisted Bro. Finley in organizing a church in North Gulfport on the 18th of December. Bro. Finley was chosen pastor. The purpose is to build a house at once. For the present they worship, one Sunday, in the month, in the Methodist church in that part of the city. The growth of the town is so rapid and the number of new people coming in made this movement imperative. A very pleasant occasion was the evening of the 19th inst., which was the pastor's birthday. At about 7:30 p. m., a large number of the members came in bringing refreshments which they spread in the dining room. A beautiful mahogany and leather rocker was presented to the pastor, and religious intercourse was enjoyed. Such kind remembrances make a pastor feel like trying to do his best. The Lord is blessing the cause at Biloxi under the discreet and faithful guidance of Dr. Searcy. Bro. O. D. Bowen who is no stranger to the people of the coast is comfortably settled in his own home at Handsboro. His coming gives additional strength and encouragement to the workers here in this difficult field.

Faternally,

W. C. GRACE.

More anon.

Bro. A. J. Brown says of THE BAPTIST. "It's always been a welcome visitor and the New Yokelawyer, Bro. Sproles adds new force hence additional light and life. May the Lord so guide you both that THE BAPTIST shall be felt for greater good as the weeks and years shall come and go."

Wanted.

The Popular Library Company of Milan, Tenn., needs twenty-five Agents, men or women. Good salaries.—W. D. Powell President, G. A. Allen, Business Manager.

A Boston paper says there was not a single lynching in the United States during the month of November, the first month that has passed without one since 1888. The editor did not say there was not a single rape attempted during that month. Why not emphasize that fact?

Judson prayed to translate the Scriptures and see 100 converts. He accomplished the first and saw 7,281 converts. Japan had but eleven converts in 1872 there are now 422 churches with a membership of 41,000, and a Scripture Union which numbers 10,000. Fifty-five years ago there was not a native Christian on the Friendly Islands; now there are 30,000.

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Editorial.

Municipal Government.

Many of our cities and towns have changed officers. In many places there has been an emphatic demand for improvement in civil administration, and the officers elected have promised to regard the will of the people, and give them a wise and economic, an impartial and righteous, government.

The Scriptures teach the civil government is a divine institution. God has ordained that men in association and capacity shall live under law administered by rulers. Because "the powers that be are ordained of God" a civil ruler is "the minister of God." God does not appoint or always approve the officer, but he has ordained the office. The apostle Paul in Romans 13:1-7 urges that men "be subject unto the higher powers," and gives two motives to submission which should move the officer to a just administration as well as the citizen to obedience.

1. The fear of punishment. "We must needs be subject . . . for wrath." The civil ruler "beareth not the sword in vain." It is not a meaningless symbol in his hands. It has a solemn purpose—to defend the good, and "execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Fear then the penalties of law. A law without penal sanctions may be instruction, advice, entreaty; but it cannot be imperative, since it would have no power to sustain its claims.

Some men are restrained only by the fear of punishment. This is their only motive to obedience. If they can escape penalty they do not care for the violation of law, either human or divine. Certain and speedy punishment, more than its severity,

will restrain them. Unnecessary delays as well as unjust acquittals enlarge the criminal class. Righteous officers of law can do more with such men towards bringing in God's kingdom than preachers. Indeed, such men do not hear preachers until the law leads them to Christ for salvation. Our civil officers owe to their fellowmen, and unto God, to enforce civil law. The motive of fear should have influence with them: for while no executive of law will enforce its penalty upon himself, the righteous indignation of the people will find methods for the execution of its wrath against the abuse of power.

2. "For conscience sake." Many people do obey civil law from conscientious motives. They do not need outward constraint. They obey from an inward impulse. Paul appeals to this moral sense. It urges obedience. It condemns disobedience. We know that we ought to be good citizens. A law breaker cannot be a good citizen. "We must needs be subject . . . for conscience sake."

But what has conscience to do with civil law? Is it not the moral sense in man which has to do with his relations and duties to a personal God? Are not civil laws the creation of man? Do not men enact, amend and abolish them? What then has conscience to do with them? "The powers that be," Paul says, "are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God." That is, it is the will of God that there should be civil government and rulers to exercise authority over others. To resist such persons in the exercise of their lawful authority is an act of disobedience to God. We ought to submit for conscience sake. Not to do so is to defy God.

These two motives ought to have weight with the officers of the law as well as with private citizens. If the office is of divine appointment the man who fills it should fall in with the purpose of God in its institution. He should administer law righteously for conscience sake if there be no motive of fear. He who will not himself obey it should not be elected or appointed as an executive of law. City officers from the head down, should be men of good moral character. Otherwise, we cannot expect a righteous administration. He who is wrong in his own life will not demand righteousness in the civic living of others, and will himself fall into the unrighteousness which he allows. The mayor, judge, or attorney who is himself a gambler, or keeps a room for such men, may indeed prosecute and punish the negro crap shooter, but he will not touch "gentlemen of the green cloth." Police, captains, or their assistants, who have interests in saloons or disreputable resorts cannot be expected to enforce the law against its violations by such institutions. Such men should not be elected or appointed to office, or retained in it. They would simply "dispense with justice" in the interest of their associates and patrons.

Our people desire, deserve, and demand

righteous administration of government from our civil rulers. Their will is imperative. Woe to the officer who disregards it. If conscience cannot move him to duty, the righteous indignation of the people will remove him from office.

MISCELLANEA.

There are 825,466 native professed Christians in India, 335,758 of whom are Baptists.

Few men are getting more out of the present session of our Seminary than our beloved brother W. B. Sansing. The Mississippi Baptist is evidence.

The remedy for the liquor traffic is not only in the total abstinence of the drinker, but in the total absence of the drink.—Baptist Herald.

G. W. Rainer will be the joint missionary of our Convention and the General Association in Southeast Mississippi for 1905. He will live at McLain.

Palestine has a population of 650,000, twelve per cent, or 78,000, of which are Jews, and 41,000 or 68.1-3 per cent. of these live in Jerusalem.

Pastor Trotter of Hattiesburg, says four churches within 35 miles of that place have gone from one half to full time in the last month, and that in another year four more will probably go to full time preaching.

Mr. Carnegie gives a bonus of 10 per cent. upon their yearly wages to all employees upon the Skibo estates who are total abstainers from intoxicating drink. He believes that such are well worth their bonus, both from an economic and a social point of view.—Times Democrat.

Surely there is some other ground for the concerted effort of the government to drive Roman Catholic priests out of Nicaragua than that stated by the press—"wearing the priest's garb in the streets." The garb only marks one as a priest, and cannot of itself be an offense.

The Boston Transcript says President Roosevelt has acceded to the request of the National Congress of Mothers to deliver an address before its Convention fixed for the week from March 10 to 17 at the National Capital. He will say something worth hearing to these homemakers.

There seems to be a spontaneous uprising of the people in Utah against the Mormon Church. The new political party called "The American Party" recently formed has two planks: "Freedom from church nomination in politics, and the wresting of the public schools from Mormon control." This uprising is a hopeful sign.

The Y. M. C. A. work seems to be doing well at Clinton 150 of the students are taking studies in missionary course and 4 have offered themselves for Foreign Mission work.

A note from our esteemed brother, A. A. McPherson, of Vaiden, informs us that that church has lost three members by death within the last thirty days, of whom his third wife was one. She was buried on Jan. 15, 1905.

Who among men is nearest and dearest to Jesus? Who is closest akin to him in Spirit, and whom does he love above all others? He himself says that whoever is doing the will of God day by day, in small things as well as in great things, is his brother and sister and mother; not one or the other of these, but he is as much beloved as all these combined.

Bro. E. W. Barnett has resigned the Brooksville and New Bethel Churches. Resignation to take effect first Sunday in March. We wish him good health and much success in his work wherever he may go. We hope the Master will send these good people an able leader to succeed Bro. Barnett and that they may do yet greater things for the Lord.

On account of bad weather only Cooper, Henderson Jordan, Potter, Smoot, Stegall and Thornton, among the preachers, attended the last Fifth Sunday-school meeting of the Aberdeen Association at Shannon; but they had a pleasant meeting and a profitable study in the book of Romans. Smoot, who has lately come into the association is charmed with the piety and ability of his ministerial associates.

The Return of Sherlock Holmes, by A. Conan Doyle will be printed in The Sunday Picayune. There are thirteen stories in the series. The first one will appear Sunday, Feb. 12, 1905. These are the finest short stories that Conan Doyle has written. Not to read them is to miss the literary sensation of the age. Purchase of your Newsdealer, Daily Picayune, \$1 per month, Sunday Picayune, \$2 per annum.

Many of our people are talking about going to the Baptist World's Congress, which meets in London the first week in July, but only a few are sending in their names. The time of sailing is July 1, and the steamships will not give the Committee on Transportation option much longer on berths. Every one who expect to go should let his purpose be known immediately to Dr. J. N. Prestridge, Louisville, Ky.

A Railroad magazine, commenting on the habit of railing against the railway officials when trains are detained on account of a fall of snow, reminds the "kicker" that his grievance is not against the railroad but against Divine Providence, and adds the significant remark

that "railing against Providence, is a waste of time." That is a suggestion worth much thinking about. It is as true in spiritual as in material things.—Examiner.

The Southern Advance has been moved to Atlanta, changed its name, to The Religious Forum and will be issued weekly from that city, with G. S. Anderson, Len G. Broughton and H. R. Bernard as editors. The Forum will allow a wide range of discussion, but give special attention to Bible study methods, evangelistic work, methods of organization, and work of general bodies. This is a strong force, and the editors are especially suited to this particular work.

Field Sunday-school Secretary Leavell is spending ten days in a tour of churches in La. He begun his work with a great Fifth Sunday meeting at Chaneyville. M. P. Hunt, of Kansas City and C. C. Carroll of Texas were in this meeting and added much to its inspiration. A. J. Barton will enter upon the tour at Shreveport and continue one week with it. Secretary E. O. Ware of La., is to be commended for his energy in arranging such a tour, and in securing workers to represent their special departments.

Jackson and Hinds County are again to go through a conflict with the whisky people of the county aided by the brewers and whisky dealers throughout the land. Let all Christian people invoke the help of the God of the nations against the advocates of open saloons. Our worthy contemporary, The Southern Statesman a new publication in this city edited by Mr. Aaron G. Davis, is out in its last issue flatfooted against the open saloon or any measures looking in that direction. The Statesman is to be commended for its bold and righteous stand against the sapping and undermining business of running the devil's gilded parlor of vice and crime.

A conference of Baptists from every section of our country was held in New York City January 25 and 26 to confer about organization of a General Convention of American Baptists. On account of the great blizzard the attendance was not large, but it was good and composed mainly of our trusted leaders. President Lowrey of our College was present, and a member and Secretary of the most important Committee of this conference. The feeling was general and decided in favor of the proposed organization. It was decided to call a meeting in St. Louis on May 16 and 17, between the meetings of the two general bodies of the denomination, for final action. A special committee was appointed to prepare and present a plan of organization at the St. Louis meeting. Something from Dr. Lowrey about the conference and whether this general organization is desirable and practicable would be welcomed by our people.

The effort to consolidate the Presbyterian Seminaries at Clarksville, Tenn., and Columbia, S. C., and locate them in Atlanta failed because of legal impediments to the removal of the school at Clarksville. It is now proposed that the Southern Presbyterian Church raise a half million dollars for the founding of a University at Atlanta, and when one half of that amount is raised, ask Atlanta for the quarter of a million promised on the consolidation and removal of the two Seminaries to that city. If these conditions are realized, the Seminary at Columbia, with its 250,000 endowment, will be moved to Atlanta and constitute the theological department of the University. It is proposed to use the money asked from Atlanta in locating and housing the school. If the plan succeeds the University will begin with an endowment of \$1,000,000. They will succeed. Presbyterians believe in the present perseverance of the saints as well as in their final preservation.

In his message to the General Assembly Jan. 23, Gov. Davis of Ark., urged the passage of a bill providing for the separation of school taxes on racial lines, making Negro schools dependent on the taxes paid by them, but the bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 54 to 26. Surely those who tax themselves for the support of Negro schools are not enemies of that race.

A committee in Geneva, Switzerland, has begun plans for the celebration in 1909 of the four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. This committee will expect large financial aid from this country, because of its exemption from some of the problems which Calvin's spiritual descendants in Europe face. Calvin's merit as prophet, statesman, and inspirer of modern democracy, as well as his service as a theologian, will be emphasized in the celebration.

"A church census shows a population of 12,462,000 Catholics in the United States." It is the "population" that counted. That includes all Catholic parents and their children, all lapsed Catholic immigrants, those who have gone to other churches and will "return to the mother church, if not before, certainly when they come to die," and probably those who are in Catholic homes in any relation. It is said that in some places laborers and even boarders are counted. "Figures do not lie," but those who make them are not always careful.

We have received circular of the Teacher's Training Course of Poplarville High School, and advise all who are interested in preparing for the examination to write Prof. Thames at once.

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WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. JULIA T. JOHNSON, Editor.
P. O. Clinton, Miss.

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Women's Central Committee:

Mrs. B. G. Hackett, President,
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,
Secretary, Meridian.

Program—February, 1905.

Programs are suggestive. The introduction of other features, selection of additional hymns, subjects of prayer, etc., are left with the society.

Subject: The Sunday-school Board.

Every child born into the world is a fresh and radiant possibility.

1. Bible Selections: "Youthful consecration," Eccles. 12:1; 1 Sam. 1:24-28; II Chron. 24:7; Luke 2:46-52.

2. Seed thought: "The church which neglects her young people proves herself improvident, and must neither wonder nor complain if heaven leaves her nothing to nurse but desolation." Through its publications, especially "Kind Words" and the B. P. U. Quarterly, the Sunday-school board aims to extend its influence in the development of our young people. Its special missionary work is Bible distribution.

3. Chain of Prayer: For the young people of the local church and others; for the work of the Sunday-school board.

4. Sharp Shooting: Twelve items on work of the Sunday-school board, one following another in rapid succession. (See February "Home Field.")

5. Leaflet: "A Missionary Force" by Dr. J. M. Frost.

6. Open Parliament: On S. S. I.

7. Business: Collection, etc.

8. Discussion of "Plans for cultivating the young people of the local church in missionary work. The Home and Foreign Boards recommend that they be interested in School Work. For information about Mountain Schools, those in Cuba and of the Foreign Fields, apply to the State Officers or to Cor. Secs. W. M. U., 233 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

9. Leaflet: "Cripple Tom," by Mrs. Walter Sears.

10. Close with reading of Psalm 145.

Clarksdale, Miss.

Enclosed you will find a report from Clarksdale Mission Society for the year nineteen and five. We are a small band and have been trying to pay a debt and furnish our church. So have not done as well for Missions as we hope to do in future. With our consecrated pastor and his good wife at the helm we feel encouraged. Rev. J. E. Barnett has been with us twelve months and has

been called for another year with increase of salary. We hope to win many souls for Christ.

Yours in the faith,
(Mrs.) ANNIE MANGHAM.

Report of Ladies Missionary Society For Year 1904.

RECEIPTS.

January dues.....	\$ 5 25
February dues.....	4 50
February 29, Donathan Houck.....	3 90
March dues.....	1 00
April Bazaar.....	177 00
May dues.....	50
1 cap sold.....	2 00
August 29 dues.....	4 00
Sept. 12, Mrs. Hood Donathan.....	60
September dues.....	4 00
Contributions to dinner.....	12 85
Amount net dinner Oct. 4.....	85 45
October dues.....	3 75
November dues.....	2 25
Pillow sold.....	1 00
Birthday party Nov. 28.....	23 45
Dues Nov. 28.....	3 00
Amount net Bazaar Dues Dec. 15-16-17.....	136 80
	\$481 30

Disbursements of the Ladies Missionary Society of the Clarksdale Baptist Church for year 1904.

Ladies for Pastors Study.....	\$ 8 25
February Material for April Bazaar.....	2 60
Expenses April Bazaar.....	40 70
Amount paid Mr. Johnson Insurance.....	100 00
Amount paid McKay & Broadus.....	34 80
Amount for Bulbs.....	3 25
Amount for pots, bowls etc.....	2 50
Amount for dolls.....	8 25
Amount for Bazaar Material.....	2 00
Amount Box sent Orphanage.....	19 00
	\$ 220 85

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then went to their reward. Apart from what they did directly, as missionaries, they left behind them seven sons and daughters. Each of these sons married, and with their wives, and both sisters, gave themselves to the same mission work. Already have several grandchildren of the first missionary become missionaries in India. And thus far, thirty of that family—the Scudders have given five hundred and twenty-nine years to Indian missions—Selected.

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Lv. Hattiesburg..... 10:35 a. m.
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Daily.

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Good News for Those Who Stammer.
Return of Dr. Randolph.

Here is some real good news for persons afflicted with stammering.

Dr. G. W. Randolph, perhaps the greatest voice doctor in the country, and certainly the most successful, has returned to Jackson, to give the afflicted the benefit of his skill and knowledge. He will remain a month or six weeks, and will be glad to consult with stammerers at his rooms at the Commercial House (old Spangler) and guarantees to cure all who put themselves under his control.

Dr. Randolph was in Jackson two years ago, and affected many wonderful cures, which was duly noted in the Clarion-Ledger at the time.

LATE GOV. J. M. STONE.
He Cordially Endorses His Old Friend Dr. G. W. Randolph.

I am pleased to introduce to the public, and especially to stammerers, Capt. G. W. Randolph, of Tennessee, my native state, where I knew his father well. No man in all the land enjoyed a higher degree of confidence and respect than Maj. Randolph. Capt. Randolph is a man of good business attainments, and of high social standing. He is possessed with superior intelligence and large experience. He has ever been considered a man of truth and veracity.

I knew Capt. Randolph when he was an inveterate stammerer, could scarcely make himself understood; but I am proud to state that he has discovered a method by which he cured himself and I am cognizant of many remarkable cures performed by him on others. No stammerer should hesitate to give him a trial, for he will cure the most inveterate in a few days.

Respectfully,
J. M. STONE,
Governor of Mississippi.

CAPT. H. L. TAYLOR.
Says Dr. Randolph Cured His Son of Stammering.

Benton, Miss., Feb. 6, 1903.

Editor Clarion-Ledger:

I wish to add my testimony to that of yourself and other reliable persons in reference to treatment of G. W. Randolph for stammering. My son now nineteen years of age, had been stammering for the last twelve years. We noticed the letter of Governor Stone in whose statements we all have the utmost confidence, and determined to give it a trial, and I am happy to say that after the first lesson given by Dr. Randolph he has not stammered since and we feel that he has been permanently cured. The Dr.'s method is simple but effective, and I feel that I cannot commend him too highly to the unfortunate stammerers of our state.

Most truly yours,
H. L. TAYLOR.

TO STAMMERERS.

Maj. Robt. B. Mims Strongly Endorses Dr. G. W. Randolph.

I feel it my duty to add my testimony to those of Gov. J. M. Stone, Capt. H. L. Taylor and other men of note who are writing such encouraging letters to stammerers about Dr. G. W. Randolph, who is perhaps the greatest voice doctor on earth. I have known him for many

years and I know him to be a high toned gentleman and a man of truth and veracity. I knew him when he was an inveterate stammerer. He cured himself by a scientific, though simple method, and he is curing a great many of the annoying habit of stammering. No one need be afraid to give him a trial; he is all right.

ROBT. B. MIMS.

CHAS. E. DOWNER.

Was Cured of Stammering by Dr. G. W. Randolph.

Mt. Olive, Miss., Feb. 7, 1903.

To Whom it May Concern:

I was a noted stammerer; until a few days ago, but can talk as well as any one. The fact about it is that I can't quit talking. I used to be very reticent, specially in company, for I knew that I would be laughed at by every friend I met, so I kept my mouth shut most of the time. I saw in the Clarion-Ledger that Dr. G. W. Randolph was curing so many stammerers, and that he was endorsed by such men as Governor Stone and Hon. R. H. Henry, so I went to see Dr. Randolph, and he put me to talking in 20 minutes. Indeed this is a miracle. He does nothing but teach the stammerer how to prevent stammering, which any child can learn.

Respectfully,
CHAS. E. DOWNER.

Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate, May 29, 1902.

We are pleased to tell our readers that Dr. G. W. Randolph, that noted specialist of the voice from St. Louis, has returned to Dixie. He is now at Arlington Hotel, Lynchburg, Va., to cure many stammerers who desired him to return. Our readers will remember that this Advocate published several letters from those who were cured by Dr. Randolph before he went to Baltimore and Pittsburg. We saw several young men who had been cured, and they talked fluently and were delighted with the cure. We have also read several glowing accounts of his cures in other states. In fact, leading papers all over the South are loud in his praise. He came to us highly recommended both as a voice doctor and a minister of ability. We do hope that every stammerer in Virginia will see him soon. Hand this to a stammerer please. Remember the Golden Rule.

The late Memphis Christian Advocate says that he cured many stammerers at his voice school in that city. It further states that Bro. Randolph is a fine preacher, and a revivalist of no small note.

The sainted J. D. McFerrin, of the Nashville Christian Advocate, said that he was amazed at the wonderful cures performed by Bro. Randolph in that city.

The Alabama Baptist gives no uncertain sound in his praise. They saw those who were cured and talked with them.

The Baptist standard of Dallas, says the same. St. Louis Christian Advocate says the same; in fact, leading papers all over the land are loud in his praise.

Now stammerer, if you believe not what these good and great people say of me, "you would not believe though one rose from the dead."

G. W. RANDOLPH.

Jackson, Miss.

The Charter of Incorporation of "The Bank of Clinton."

SECTION 1. W. T. Lowrey, J. W. Provine, M. Latimore, P. S. Stovall, and J. W. Neal, and their future associates and successors are hereby made a corporation under the name of "The Bank of Clinton" to exist and have succession for fifty years, and have its domicile at Clinton, in the State of Mississippi.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said corporation is to engage in the business of a bank of deposit and discount, and to pursue such general banking business as is usually pursued by such banks.

SEC. 3. The powers of said corporation are, to adopt a corporate seal, and to alter the same at pleasure; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to prosecute and be prosecuted, in all courts; to contract and be contracted with; to receive money, commercial paper, stocks, bonds, securities, and evidences of debt of all kind, on general or special deposit; to receive commercial paper, and evidences of debt of every kind for collection; to lend money, by way of discount, or otherwise, upon notes, bills of exchange, stocks, bonds evidences of debt, and property of every kind, and to purchase the same by way of discount or otherwise; to acquire by purchase, or otherwise, real property necessary to conduct its business, personal property, mixed property, stocks, bonds, and all kind of commercial paper, and choses in action, and to sell, mortgage, pledge, convey and dispose of the same at pleasure; to borrow money, issue notes except for circulation as money, make and draw drafts, checks domestic and foreign bills of exchange; to accept and indorse commercial paper; to adopt by-laws for its government, not contrary to law and to do whatever else may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business, and to further the purpose of its creation.

SEC. 4. The capital stock of said corporation is to be fifteen thousand dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; but the capital stock may be increased, once or often, by the stockholders, at a regular, or called meeting, to any sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars. Said corporation may begin business when ten thousand dollars (\$10 000.00) of capital stock is subscribed for and actually paid in.

SEC. 5. The affairs of said corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. Not less than three nor more than seven persons shall constitute the Board of Directors, and all of them shall be stockholders of said corporation. They are to be elected by the stockholders, when they meet to organize under this charter, and, thereafter, annually, by the stockholders, at their regular meeting in January; but the directors, when elected, shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected. After the directors are elected, and as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall elect one of their number to be President of said corporation, who shall also be president of the board of directors, and the board shall appoint a cashier, and may prescribe the duties, salary, and tenure of office, of the president and cashier, and may employ such other officers, and agents, as it may deem advisable. All of the powers conferred by this charter, or by law, may be exercised by the board of directors, or under its direction, except the power to increase the capital stock; but any by-law, regulation or rule adopted by the board of directors shall be subject to modification, amendment or repeal by the stockholders, at a regular or called meeting; and any by-law, rule or regulation adopted by the stockholders, at any such meeting shall supersede any by-law, rule or regulation adopted by the board of directors, where the same may be in conflict.

SEC. 6. The first meeting of the incorporators herein may be called by any one of the incorporators, upon five days notice to each of the others, and the meeting, when assembled, may proceed to organize the corporation. Thereafter, the stockholders shall meet on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in January, annually, for the purpose of electing directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper; and special meetings of the stockholders may be called, in the manner to be provided for in the by-laws; and the stockholders may fill any vacancy in the board of directors at any called meeting.

SEC. 7. All provisions of Chapter 25, in the Annotated Code of Mississippi, 1892, and amendments thereto, governing corporations, not in conflict with any provisions herein, shall be a part of this charter. All indebtedness by or to the corporation, or received on deposit by the corporation shall be so made as to be payable in any kind of legal tender money of the United States.

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THE BAPTIST, Jackson, Miss.

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Feeling that the many readers of THE BAPTIST will be glad to hear the facts in regard to the new building at the Orphanage, I beg to state the following:

On the 26th of January the Board of Trustees met and examined the plans and specifications presented by Mr. Hull, our architect and instructed the building committee to accept these plans and specifications and to secure bids on them as soon as practicable.

These plans provide not only for the boy's dormitory, as was first contemplated, but for a larger dining room and chapel. This was considered by the Board as an immediate need, as our old dining room and chapel are now full, and these can be much more cheaply provided for now than later in a separate building.

It was estimated in the beginning by the Board that a dormitory that will accommodate 100 boys would cost \$10,000 or \$12,000, and of course adding the dining room and chapel that will accommodate 200 each will add to the cost. We do not know just what these buildings will cost, but we were assured by our architect that they would not cost over \$15,000, with material and labor as they are at present.

He thinks that they can be built for less than that. We will not know definitely of the cost until the bids come in. We have on hand about two thirds of the money necessary for these buildings, and trust that the friends of the Orphanage will send in the rest as it shall be needed.

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The Lord's blessings be upon all our friends.

Fraternally,
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Mr. D. Wright Pounds.

Brother D. Wright Pounds was born March 16, 1859; joined Balachitto Baptist Church at the age of 16. He lived a consistent Christian life for 29 years and died of cancer at his home in Pike county, Miss., Nov. 12, 1904. He leaves a wife and 11 children, father, mother and 3 sisters to mourn their loss, but their loss is his gain. Bro. Pounds will be missed in his home and community, for he was a useful man in many ways. We bow our head and say, the Lord's will be done.
J. E. LOWE.

Mr. D. M. Pounds.

Bro. Pounds was born in Simpson county, Tenn., Oct. 5, 1832; moved to this state when a little boy; joined Rocky Creek Baptist Church in 1852; served as church clerk until the Lord took him, Dec. 29, 1904 to live with him. He was a faithful soldier during the civil war. Bro. Pounds leaves a wife, 3 daughters and relatives to mourn their loss, but we can say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."
J. E. LORD.

Bro. Brandon.

He is not dead but sleepeth in the arms of Jesus. He departed this life Jan. 30, 1905. He suffered 12 months with lung and throat trouble, but has gone where the troubles of this life never go. Bro. Brandon was a good and faithful preacher, who worked on the old Gospel plan, going from house to house teaching Christ and his blessed word. He worked for the souls of the people and got their money, and has gone to the reward of the faithful. He leaves a wife and 2 children and a host of friends to mourn his departure. He was 60 years and 6 months old. May the blessings of heaven rest upon the bereaved ones.
G. L. MARTIN.

MARRIED.

STACEY-STATION.

Tuesday, January 17th, in the Baptist church at Senatobia, Miss., Mr. Ross E. Stacey and Miss Frances Station were united in the bonds of matrimony, the pastor officiating. The good wishes of their many friends go with them and may the blessings of God attend them.
L. G. GATES.

ELLIS-McCANN.

In the home of W. D. Moody, West Laurel, Dec. 5, 1904, Mr. G. C. Ellis and Miss Emma McCann, the writer officiating.
J. E. PHILLIPS.

WARRICK-CRAWFORD.

In the home of Mr. John Betha, West Laurel, Dec. 18, 1904, Mr. D. C. Warrick and Mrs. Mary Crawford, by the writer.
J. E. PHILLIPS.

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January 3, 1904.
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Two miles north west of Laurel, in the middle of the road, Jan. 24, 1905, Mr. T. H. Overby and Miss Clara Wilson, by the writer.
J. E. PHILLIPS.

STEVENS-SHUMAKER.

In the bride's home, West Laurel, Feb. 2, 1905, Mr. K. D. Stevens and Mrs. Julia Shumaker, by the writer.
J. E. PHILLIPS.

GREEN TOWLES.

At the residence of the bride's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Towles, near Bankston, Miss., on Jan. 28, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives, Mr. Roddy Green of Stewart, to Miss Maggie Towles, the writer officiating. We pray God's richest blessing upon this union through life.
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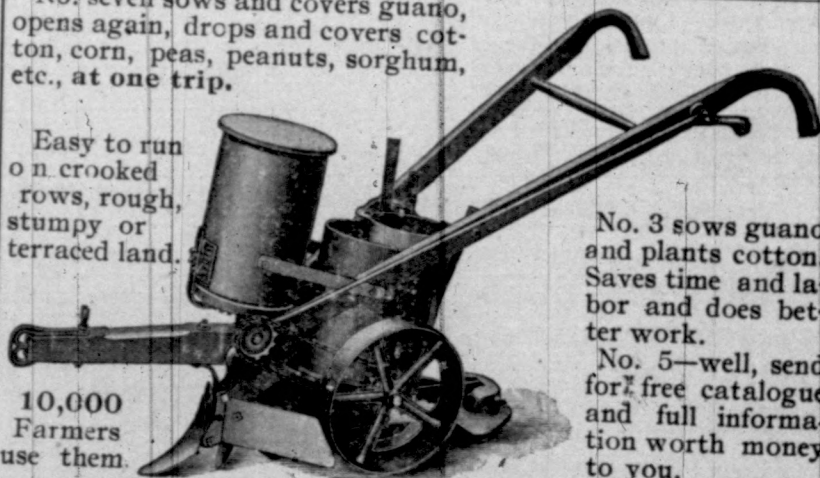
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